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From the story "The Great Well"

By

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Camilla Challenor .....	Seena Owen
peter Starling .....	Thurston Hall
Major Arnold Darenth .....	Lawford Davidson
Mrs. Challenor .....	Eva Moore
John Milford .....	Cameron Carr
Annette .....	Joan Morgan

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The action of this story takes place first in Baratpore, an English colony in India, and <sup>later</sup> in London.

Camilla Challenor, a beautiful English girl, is vacationing in Baratpore with her mother. There she meets Major Arnold Darenth an impoverished officer, and his friend, Peter Starling, charming and wealthy, whose entire fortune is tied up in an oil well, known as the "great well".

Major Darenth, during the World War, saved Starling's life, and Starling feels he can never repay him.

Both men love Camilla. When Major Darenth proposes to her, she accepts him, but breaks the engagement instantly when he asks her not to tell anyone of their love. Out of pique, she accepts and marries Peter Starling.

The two return to London after the honeymoon, and Peter becomes enmeshed in his work. He gives Camilla all the luxuries that money can buy - does everything in his power to make her happy, but gives her very little of his time. She comes to rely more and more on Major Darenth's friendship.

On her birthday it is Major Darenth who sends her flowers, and who takes her for a day's outing. She is piqued with Peter, at his seeming neglect, not knowing that he has bought a diamond necklace to give her. Peter finds her at the Club with Major Darenth and is about to present the necklace to her, when a cable arrives for him from Baratpore which tells him that his oil well has gone dry.

Peter confides this to Camilla. Major Darenth, who is anxious to make some money by hook or crook, feels he must know the contents of the cable. <sup>He tells Camilla he must leave her because he is penniless</sup> She is infatuated with him and begs him not to go --- promises to divulge the contents of the cable if he will but remain. She tells him, that the great oil well has gone dry, and he instantly imparts the information to his cronies on the stock exchange, and Peter Starling, as a result, faces ruin, with his creditors clamoring for money. A few hours later another cable arrives which tells Peter that the oil is flowing, but the harm has already been done.

Peter discovers that it was Camilla who ruined him, and goes to her, heartbroken. Major Darenth follows. The two men have a violent quarrel, and Peter is about to kill Major Darenth, whom he accuses of having been his wife's lover, when he remembers that Darenth saved his life. Darenth, who knows he has been a rotter, takes the gun from Peter's hands and kills himself.

The shot is heard by the servants, and they enter to find Peter bending over Darenth's dead body, with a gun in his hand. Circumstantial evidence is against him.

Peter stands trial for murder at the Old Baily.

He is about to be convicted for murder, when Camilla, who loves her husband dearly, takes the stand, and swears that Major Darenth was her lover, and as such, her husband had the right to kill him!

Peter is freed, but is heartbroken at what he thinks was Camilla's unfaithfulness.

Camilla's understanding sister Annette tells Peter that Camilla lied because she loved him so, and there is a complete reconciliation between husband and wife.

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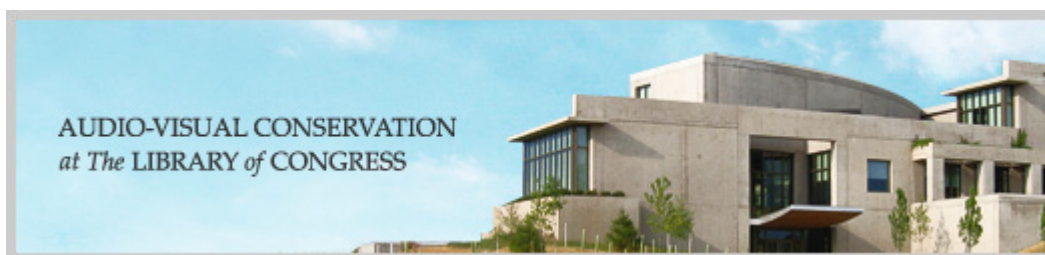
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